

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of the previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of April 21st, 28th and May 12th, 2011 as presented.

4. Review of town budget, capital improvement plan and sewer operating budget

Councilor Jeff Robinson indicated that citizens have questioned him on how the budget process works. Jeff proceeded to explain indicating that late summer/early fall the Town Manager asks the council for directions on where they would like to see the town go, he reviews emergency items, caution items and asks for direction. From this information, the Town Manager proceeds with preparing the budget and then sets up workshops and budget hearings. After the budget is completely reviewed, a preliminary budget is held and then the final budget is voted on.

Jeff noted that this year's budget has been a tough budget. There are 37 property foreclosures, 321 late tax reminders, 50 sewer liens and 40% tax payers are age 62 years or older. Even though we have a good surplus, we still need to manage funds closely.

Town Manager, Roger Raymond briefly reviewed the preliminary budget and Revision #2 which includes additional funds for the paving account, the Capital Improvement Plan and Sewer Operating Budget.

5. Hold public hearing on the following:

The Town Council proceeded to hold a public hearing on the following:

- a. Capital Improvement Plan for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012
- b. Town budget for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012
- c. Sewer Operating Budget 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012

Councilor Jeff Robinson noted that the CIP is the most important line in the budget, and gives credit to all employees for keeping town facilities in great shape.

Richard Noyes, citizen and spokesperson for the Circus Band spoke to the council requesting that they reconsider their position on appropriating funds toward the Circus Band.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2011-135 setting salaries and wages for non-contractual employees

Councilor David Kee indicated that he plans to vote for the budget, and he appreciates council members votes.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and voted to approve Resolve #-2011-135.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard

Opposed: David Keene

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-136 adopting capital improvement plan for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-136.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-137 adopting town budget for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-137.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-138 adopting sewer operating budget for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-138.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-139 adopting sewer user rate for the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-139.

Voted In Favor: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, Davie Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Robert Howard

Vote: 6 - 1 Favorable

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-140 setting date when taxes are due and payable

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-140.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2011-141 setting interest rate to be paid for taxes unpaid

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-141.

Voted In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Michael Ormsby, Robert Howard

Vote: 5 - 2 Favorable

13. Consider Resolve #R-2011-142 setting interest rates to be paid for overpayment of taxes

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-142.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2011-143 regarding the acceptance of prepayment of taxes

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-143.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2011-144 awarding contract for pavement needs for the 2011 construction season

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-144.

16. Consider reappointment of the Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector

Town Manager indicated that Jeff Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer is requesting a ten-year appointment instead of a two-year reappointment. Jeff continues to be a good employee and has earned high marks on his employee performance.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and voted to appoint Jeff Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector for a period of ten years with the understanding he can be removed for cause.

Vote In Favor: Byron Vinton, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman

Opposed: Michael Ormsby, David Keene, Robert Howard

Vote: 4 - 3 Favorable

17. Consider issuing permits or licenses, if any

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Janet Bennett, d/b/a Etna Management, Inc.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Lawrence Wahl, d/b/a Wahl's Dairy Mart/The Dairy Port.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Kathryn Patterson, d/b/a Kathryn Patterson/Home Bakery.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Hannaford Bros. Co., d/b/a Hannaford Supermarket #8152.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #7060.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Bruce Worcester, d/b/a Worcester's Take Out.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for John Russell, III, d/b/a Subway Sandwiches & Salads.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Herald Duke, d/b/a Duke Family Farm.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Wayne Hand, d/b/a Bucksport Golf Club.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Greg and Leslie Wilson, d/b/a Beechwood Farm.

18. Discussion items

Town Manager invited council members to attend a meeting with representatives from DEP/EPA on Wednesday, June 8th at 9:30 AM at the Town Office regarding requirements on the propose license and consent agreement from converting the sewer treatment plant from primary to secondary treatment.

Mayor David Keene commented that this was a very tough budget season and thanked all town employees for their commitment, dedication and acknowledged his appreciation for all they do for the town.
All council members agreed with Mayor Keene and thanked town employees as well.

19. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary